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FRENCH NUCLEAR TEST

I. Early this morning (0015 EST; 0615 French time) France exploded second nuclear device in the Sahara.

A. First test was on 13 February, [REDACTED]

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II. French announcement says today's device was plutonium bomb, and was step toward miniaturization with the objective of preparing an operational weapon.

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III. Public reactions to new test *probably will result in* may force majority of UN members to agree to special UN General Assembly session.

A. Hammarskjold already polling UN members on this in response to request from 22 Afro-Asian countries after first French test.

1. Replies sparse thus far, *but* his country attitudes may change before 14 April deadline for replies.

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